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Shipyard Park to Host Rare Launch

By Jack MC Staier

Steve Denette was raised on a farm in Western Massachusetts, surrounded by the wilderness, something he found both comforting and inspiring. Whether it's leading month-long, wilderness courses, mountaineering in Yosemite or forging Class IV white water in an open canoe, Steve seems to have done it all. But one thing he's yet to tackle is the art of sailing.

Most people learning to sail, particularly in New England, will go the typical route of signing up for local sailing classes or perhaps learning through a relative or friend with their own boat. Steve is not most people. Rather than learning on a loaner or even purchasing a shiny, new fiberglass schooner, Steve decided to build his own.

The finished boat, named Arabella, will be 38-feet long, made entirely from wood sourced from Steve's family farm. That means he cuts the trees down himself, sizes the boards from the logs, forms them into shape and adheres it all together. No ordering pallets from Home Depot, no making runs to the lumber yard, this boat is about as DIY as you can get.

"When we say 'build' we mean just that, from scratch, in our front yard, with our own hands," the project website, Acorn to Arabella, reads. "Everything for Arabella will be sourced as locally as possible, this is very important to us. Almost 100% of the lumber will be harvested from our property; we mill boards on a small portable sawmill. We've foraged for and handled 12,000 lbs. of scrap lead for a ballast keel."

Yes, you heard that right. This isn't your average canoe, after all, and it'll have all the fancy bits and bobs a modern boat requires, including ballast keel that was smelted and poured on video. And Steven can't take all the credit; he's got a crack team of friends and experts helping him along, as well as sharing their remarkable

On the Cover: A rare look at Modern Pastry from across Hanover Street in Boston's North End, as photographed by Mattapoisett resident John Oldham. The 17-year history teacher at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School in Rochester has recently made a hobby of photography, and his work is on display through the middle of March in the Mattapoisett Free Public Library's reading room. Photo by Marilou Newell



story through vlogs on YouTube, their Patreon and occasionally in person to boat enthusiasts who make the trip to Western Massachusetts.

Included on the team are: KP, a carpenter with extensive experience building boats in Maine before finding their way down to Massachusetts and into the crew of the Arabella; Ben, a theater owner, composer and video editor; and Annie B., sailor, storyteller and "tugboat in human form."

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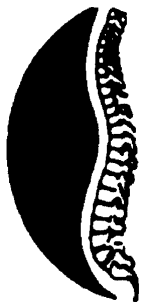
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Of course, the most important member of the crew is Akiva, a West Siberian Laika who travels with Steve on his adventures and has become a popular guest star in the YouTube videos documenting the building process.

Annie recalled that it was important to Steve to learn to sail on a boat he made himself. It certainly gives new meaning to starting with the fundamentals. Starting from the ground up meant selecting a design to follow, and for those less sea-savvy, it should be noted that there's a lot of different types of boats. Big ones, small ones, ones made for comfort and ones made for speed. Materials are taken into account as well: Not all boats can be wooden, so they needed to find a blueprint that would fit with their specific vision.

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Steve had hit the mother lode.

"After a lot of reading and research, I ended up on the Atkin website and really loved their tagline: 'Individualized Designs for Unregimented Yachtsmen.' That sure described me!" Steve recalls. He landed on the Ingrid hull, as Arabella will be a craft both lived on and traveled with, with enough room for a few friends while still being capable of being sailed by a single crewmember.

The whole endeavor started back in 2016 and has taken on a much larger life, the weekly YouTube videos amassing an online following of hundreds of thousands that spilled over into the real world, which led to the planning of a public launch in 2023.

Annie recounted looking at different places in Massachusetts they could host such an event. The shipyard would need to be logistically suited for launching the

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Arabella, as well as hosting the crowd of boat-heads there to watch the project's culmination. Mattapoisett's own Shipyard Park stood out to her as an incredible aesthetic location on top of prime launching ground. She recalled wandering around the park, taking pictures and videos before spotting the harbormaster. After a quick explanation of what she was looking for, she was met with open arms and a jaunty "Mattapoisett is ready for you!"

The launch is scheduled for June 17 at 10:00 am and promises to be a rip-roaring time. For more information about the endeavor, you can visit AcornToArabella.com, which also sports links to their YouTube and Patreon as well as updates and an emailing list about the project and the launch. Extra-curious readers can learn more about the design of the boat, the Atkin family and Steve and the crew's journey. Those unable to attend the launch can catch sight of the finished craft at the WoodenBoat Show at Mystic Seaport on the weekend of June 23-25.

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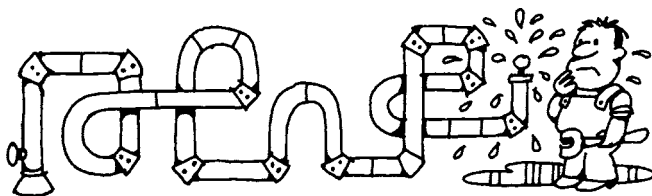
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Untruths, Fibs and Lies

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

You may be surprised to hear that lying is running rampant in Washington and environs. It's true. In fact, it has surpassed baseball as the national pastime. (That's a lie. We all know pickleball is the national pastime.)

Lying goes way back in Washington. George Washington, for whom the city was named, cut down a cherry tree. Right? Wrong, it was a lie. A minister and writer named Mason Locke Weems included the story in a biography of our first president to promote the idea that Washington was a mythical hero much greater than he was ... and to sell a lot of books.

In some circles even today, some scholars say that the fact that old George was our first president is a lie. John Hanson, a representative from Maryland, was elected President of the United States by Congress in 1781, followed by eight more gentlemen who held the position until the Constitution was completed in 1789, when Washington was elected unanimously.

The lie about Washington's wooden teeth (they were actually made from human, cow and horse teeth. Ugh!) was perpetuated by journalists for reasons that remain unknown. Another group who, if you believe today's politicians, are even bigger liars than they are.

Lying is ingrained in the culture of our nation's capital. Even the White House lies. Imagine that. Every year, a giant white bunny shows up at the annual Easter Egg Roll. Come on man! No bunny rabbit is that big. It's not nice to fool little kids.

Abraham Lincoln knew about liars. He said, "You can fool all of the people some of the time; you can fool some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all the time." Politicians have been ignoring old Abe's advice ever since. They all say, "I will lower taxes, eliminate poverty and drain the swamp." Really? One person can't do that alone. A little critical thinking goes a long way in sniffing out lies. You don't have to be in Washington to hear a politician lie his or her way into office. When was the last time you heard a local politician

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Wasn't it P.T. Barnum who said, "there is a sucker born every minute"? No, that's another lie. A banker named David Hannum, another conman, lied when he claimed a "giant" body he owned was a petrified man. He must surely be the patron saint of politicians.

Then there is the biggest lie of all, the one about the jolly guy with a white beard who wears a red suit and shows up in December bearing gifts. I know that's not true. When I was a little kid, I once saw him placing gifts under our Christmas tree. He wore grey pants, a white shirt and glasses. No beard. If that wasn't true, even my mom lied. Moms don't lie. Right?

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notch liars, but let's face it, we all lie occasionally. You do and so do I ... well you do. Have you ever said, "The check is in the mail" or "It's great to see you" when you don't mean it? I've said that to politicians I've met. How about "I love it" when you get a gift you can't stand? Washington doesn't have a corner on lying. It is in the fabric of our America, and it is here to stay. And that's the truth.

Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on" Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

A Deeper Vision

The Poet's Corner

By Hope Bradley Finley

To see the sun sparkling on the water,
To watch the Osprey circle high above the bay,
Is to feel the blessed miracle of sight,
And to glory in the beauty of God's world.

The doctor's voice was gentle and sympathetic,
As he pronounced me legally blind.
But I live not in a cold, grey world.
For I can see with my heart.

To hear my little bird say, "You're so beautiful,"
And "I love you" is to see once more,
Her lovely green feathers and rosy breast,
For I still see her with my heart.

To feel our cats, Cricket and Marty,
Brush against my leg, looking for affection,
I can feel their soft fur,
Know I still see them in my heart,
Though the faces of my dear ones are blurred and formless.

My memory holds generations of my children,
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*Editor's Note: Hope Bradley Finley passed away on
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A Wondrous Winter Woodlands Walk

Marion Natural History Museum

By Marilou Newell

The Marion Natural History Museum is a place of learning for all ages. With programming suited for children and those who were once children, opportunities abound for scientific exploration of the world right outside our door. And so it was on February 15 in Marion's own Washburn Park where Museum Director Liz Leidhold introduced a group of knowledge seekers to James Rassman, Southeast District service forester from the Massachusetts Bureau of Forestry, eager to hear him speak on the topic of tree identification during winter months.

Rassman told the group that he primarily works with private landholders as they make critical decisions about their woodlands. A quick look at the University of Massachusetts Amherst website informs us that some 62% of the state is forested, that Massachusetts is the eighth-most-heavily forested state in the country in spite of being the third-most-densely populated.

"Our lives are intimately linked to the health of our forests," said Rassman. "Two hundred and twelve thousand private landowners in the state own 75% of all forests (in Massachusetts.)"

But we were there to learn a bit about how to identify trees in their natural habitat – woodlands.

We kept running into facts about how humans have modified plant life and the very topography of the land through cultivation and harvesting trees over the centuries.

Rassman said that as far back as the early colonization of the area, trees have played a critical role. Beyond the obvious need of wood for building shelters and staying warm, kings set their sights on our tall native White Pines used for spars. Rassman said that England had basically depleted its tree populations over centuries of human activity, thus when the colonists reported the abundance of tall straight pines, the King claimed them for sovereign use. A stamp was marked into those trees headed for harvest and deportation to England for their ship-building needs.

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Of all the trees in our local forests, pines reign supreme; that includes the pitch pines, number two in the pine hit parade. This pine variety is not good for lumber and historically was used for making charcoal.

Before advancing further into our woods walk, Rassman pointed out notable landscape features. He said, "There aren't any straight lines in nature." The little, fast-moving stream along the former bog road trail we walked was an example of manmade irrigation systems. He also shared that the presence of lichen thickly layered on just about every type of vegetation is a good sign. "It doesn't hurt the trees and only grows where there is good air quality."

Rassman spent time describing how best to identify trees in winter where leaves might not be present to assist in the process. He explained how stem and branch placement can be used to help in the process, as well as where the trees are growing and sandy soils versus wet swampy locations.

Deciduous trees, the maples, oaks, dogwood, black gum, tupelo and others, may also be found in local woods and are considered native to the area. The leaf matter that blanketed the grounds we walked along told the story of last season, oaks with hair-like fibers at the end of each scalloped edge of the leaf and the delicate maples with a central point from which the tips fan out to reach the sun. (Sidenote: Oaks only grow where they can get ample sunlight, but pines are not so fussy.)

Here's a telling statistic: The forests of Massachusetts contain a wide variety of tree species, with 82 species observed on the FIA plots inventoried between 2009 and 2013. In terms of total volume, Eastern White Pine is the most common species, but in terms of number of trees, red maple is the most common.

Rassman noted that due to heavy forestry activities and other manmade disturbances to the landscape, most pine forests range between 50 and 80

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years old. Yes, there are still old-growth forests but not so much locally. Plymouth can claim one. And speaking of old-growth forests where we humans have surprisingly not disrupted nature, the museum will be hosting David Orwig, senior ecologist and forest ecologist for the Harvard Forest, to discuss old-growth forests in Massachusetts. That event will take place on Friday, March 31, at 7:00 pm at the museum. For more details on this and other programs planned for the community, visit marionmuseum.org.

Residents Can Opt Out of Aggregate

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

John O'Rourke of Good Energy came to the Rochester Senior Center on February 15 to explain a plan that will lower the townspeople's electricity bills.

His company has helped Rochester and five other towns in the region reach a Community Aggregate Agreement with electricity supplier Direct Energy that will charge residents a lower fixed rate for electrical service. The town's rate will be 16.31 cents per kilowatt hour, rather than Eversource's current Basic Service rate for residential customers of 25.649 cents per kWh.

O'Rourke emphasized last Wednesday night that residents now face a deadline to decide on whether to opt out of this new program. Otherwise, residential and business customers in town will be enrolled automatically.

A letter has been sent to all Rochester residential



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electricity customers that this is the new program's Launch and Customer Notification period for what is called the Rochester Community Electricity program. Residents had 30 days, until February 20, to notify the company that they wish to not join in.

The opt-out options were: Postmark and mail the card enclosed with the notification letter, call Direct Energy at 866-968-8065 or submit an opt-out form at Electricity.TownOfRochesterMass.com.

The 16.310-cents-per- kWh rate will be for Standard residential service, O'Rourke said. The rate will be 17.850 cents per kWh for Rochester Plus customers who add renewable energy to the supply mix. The electricity generator will remain Eversource.

The new rate will appear on the March meter reading and will be valid until December 2024, said O'Rourke, adding that his company will seek going out to bid for a new supplier contract months earlier, in the summer of 2024.

Direct Energy was chosen under a competitive bid process that involved both town officials and Good Energy personnel in the decision-making, Select Board Chairman Woody Hartley explained.

The other five communities under this agreement are Cohasset, Marshfield, Scituate, Westwood and Uxbridge.

Hartley then elaborated on why such a program was not pursued sooner. He said the Select Board opposed the idea in 2016. He urged reconsidering that opposition when he became a Select Board member, and the proposal passed overwhelmingly at a recent town meeting.

"Massachusetts has the highest tax rate in the nation," O'Rourke noted. "At a 14-, 16-cent rate, you're still below average with this program."

Town Clerk Not Seeking Reelection

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board's February 21 meeting began with word that Town Clerk Paul Dawson won't be seeking reelection and a suggestion the position should change to be appointed instead of elected.

Town Administrator Glenn Cannon revealed Dawson's recent letter stating that "serious health matters" in his family have made the time he has been able to spend at his job uneven. For that reason, Dawson said in his letter, "I will not seek reelection as town clerk."

Select Board Chairman Woody Hartley responded there is still time for other candidates to sign up for the 2023 Town Election ballot. But he emphasized another point, that it might be time to look into making town clerk an appointed position. "Paul has done a good job for us as town clerk," Hartley said. "But it is a job requiring a lot of professional skills."

Hartley said that is why someone appointed rather than elected every three years would be a better

fit for the job of being Rochester's town clerk. The board then agreed to discuss the matter further at its next meeting on March 6.

Next, Personnel Board Chairman Adam Murphy provided an update on the new panel's main goal, which is to rewrite and improve the town's Personnel Bylaw. Murphy said the amount of work that reaching this goal demands means a new bylaw won't be available for a Town Meeting vote until the fall.

If a Town Meeting is scheduled for October, Personnel Board member Kristine Nash said that would give the town enough time to integrate changed job and salary classifications into the town budget.

Murphy explained a total of 24 employees fall under bylaw provisions that he says should be revised. He said new job descriptions need to be written before a fairer-pay compensation plan can be written. Meanwhile, descriptions for new jobs have had to be created, he said, such as for the newly full-time Zoning Board of Appeals clerk position that the town is on the verge of filling.

Cannon noted the Highway Department is looking to hire a new mechanic, a position that will also need possible reclassification. Because of the work the Personnel Board has done on these new job descriptions, Cannon praised their help for being so good at "meeting our needs, with new positions written and filled."

William Chamberlain of the town Republican Committee then asked the Select Board to recommend

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that every town panel recite the Pledge of Allegiance before every meeting. "Either by a citizen petition or the selectmen asking all boards do it," Chamberlain said. "We are looking for the board's guidance."

Cannon reported that town counsel has told him the Select Board cannot mandate that town boards enact such a practice. Hartley said it is a matter of free speech.

Board member Paul Ciaburri proposed the solution, drafting a motion to "encourage" all boards to start their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Hartley agreed.

The board then approved a new Town Counsel policy. To better control how town departments and boards access the town's legal adviser, such requests must be delivered in writing to the town administrator. A

board's request for opinion and/or use of town counsel must be approved by a majority vote of that board. Requests to initiate litigation or defense will require approval of the Select Board.

The board also approved two athletic events that will travel through town: the Annual Patriot Half-Marathon on June 17 and the Buzzards Bay Coalition's 17th annual Watershed Ride on August 17.

The board also agreed not to exercise the town's right of first refusal (to purchase) property at 0 High Street, which is being taken out of Chapter 61A agricultural land protection to site a wireless communications tower there.

Next, the board supported a letter that will permit the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) to test the water flow at Snipatuit Pond. A flow gauge would be installed, Town Planner Nancy Durfee said. ARPA funds totaling \$20,000 will fund the beginning of the project, but the measurement project will take one to two years, she said. So more money, Municipal Vulnerability Funds, will be sought later.

Hartley said this will be a way to see if the City of New Bedford is withdrawing too much water from the pond.

The Select Board scheduled its next meeting for Monday, March 6, at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Into FY24 Budget Weeds

*Mattapoisett Select Board, Finance Committee
and School Committee*

By Marilou Newell

Make no mistake about it, Mattapoisett is deep into the FY24 budget process. The importance of evaluating municipal departmental budget requests, capital needs, staffing plans, expenditures and revenue cannot be overstated – it is a massive undertaking.

On February 15, the Select Board, along with Town Administrator Mike Lorencio, met for a working session to take an overview of the FY24 budget. The board met with Library Director Jennifer Jones, Highway

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Surveyor Garrett Bauer, Council on Aging Director Jackie Seney, and Board of Health Agent Gail Joseph.

Jones explained the need to repair carpeting in the Children's Library space, noting it was more than 20 years old. The estimated replacement cost is \$45,000. She went on to discuss the importance of evaluating and possibly replacing historic roof tiles on a portion of the building. The current estimate is \$85,000.

Jones was asked by Board member Jordan Collyer to try and locate notes from the 2008 reconstruction and renovation of the library. He said he seemed to remember that the historic roof area had been evaluated at that time and any documentation from that time may prove helpful for current repair proposals.

Regarding the library's FY24 budget projection, all-inclusive stands at \$584,482.

Bauer shared that although he is currently looking for one part-time employee and as many as four during the summer season, he has been concentrating on what they can accomplish in house. Two large construction projects, the Pearl Street reconstruction estimated at \$620,000 and the Oakland Street reconstruction at \$817,000, are on the horizon. He spoke to the need for a new backhoe/loader vehicle estimated at \$170,000, along with annual roadway improvements at \$250,000. Bauer said that staffing has been a problem and that posted part-time positions have gone unanswered.

Lorenzo said that the condition of the Highway Department "barn" needs to be immediately addressed. The roof is compromised, it was noted, and bathroom facilities are inadequate. Also ADA compliance is long overdue. The Capital Plan lists \$3,200,000 through debt exclusion in FY25 for building renovations. Lorenzo said some debt would be retiring, but further finance exploration is needed for funding this project.

The all-inclusive FY24 budget projection is \$806,100 with another \$25,000 for street signs and roadway painting and \$115,000 for snow removal and roadway treatments.

Seney advanced a level-funded, FY24 budget of \$202,777 for the Council on Aging. She said that medical-appointment travel continues to be in high demand,

especially since the volunteer ride program FISH was heavily impacted by the pandemic. Another service in demand is completing fuel-assistance forms, assisting seniors in navigating the paperwork. Seney stated that the COA has provided services to 957 individuals with 616 of that number Mattapoisett residents in all categories including exercise programs, which are always in high demand.

Seney gave a big shoutout to Liz Leatham, outreach coordinator, for her tireless efforts in providing in-home services and comfort to seniors who may not have the ability to visit the center.

Board of Health Agent Gail Joseph touched on a number of projects and plans for the Transfer Station. FY24 budget projections for various services include recycling pick-up \$224,606 and Covanta SEMASS \$338,391. Contracts for both services end in 2024. Rubbish pick-up projection is \$375,000. All other expenses related to the operation of the station minus salaries are posted at \$115,600. Salaries, fuel, professional development and office materials are tagged at \$140,321.

Joseph spoke to the improvements to the Transfer Station grounds and new services either in place or planned for future inclusion. Currently available are mattress, metal and other recyclable locations. Joseph said she is in discussion with vendors so that a hazardous-materials area might be set up. This would allow residents to drop off materials whenever the station is open. She also hoped to construct a building that could be used as a "swap shop" or dump store. In both instances, concrete pads would be needed.

Retained earnings continues to be an issue the board has grappled with over the years for the Transfer Station, which is set up as an Enterprise Fund. Projections are that the town's coffers will have to again subsidize the operation in FY24. Joseph said she was not involved in that side of the department.

The Finance Committee met on February 16 for the first time in the FY24 cycle to map out meeting schedules and get an overview of earnings and expenditures from Lorenzo.

Lorenzo shared that, if all Capital Planning requests are funded, the total is \$861,000 against a free-cash balance of \$1,200,000. As things stand presently, Lorenzo cautioned that healthcare increases are an unknown sum but assuredly would be higher than last year. Also unknown is the amount of state aid the town will receive. He said he hopes to have those numbers sooner rather than later.

Lorenzo touched on the list of construction projects such as Pearl and Oakland Street reconstruction \$1,437,000, and takings and other engineering matters related to Phase 2a of the bike path \$75,000. Of the Holy Ghost Grounds, Lorenzo said he is seeking a grant of \$250,000 for "underutilized" municipal property. He told the committee that a grant of \$35,000 would be sought for a study of Town Hall and a \$30,000 grant for a Harbor

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Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School is looking for financial support of a feasibility study from its member communities, Lorenzo said. He explained the school's need for major improvements upon which the future of the school depends. The total cost is \$1,000,000, Lorenzo said, with the school picking up half that sum and the towns sharing in the balance based on enrollment. Mattapoisett's portion is scheduled at 8%.

The Mattapoisett School Committee met on February 16 with Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber to present their projected FY24 budget. Lorenzo and Finance Committee member Colby Rottler were present.

The presentation listed the following line items: \$8,199,021 for Center School and Old Hammondtown Elementary School; that number includes \$94,440 for Bristol Agricultural School. The FY23 number was \$8,037,327. Nelson said some student programming had been reduced to offset the high cost of utilities and one paraprofessional position has been eliminated. Lorenzo asked him to provide a list of those programs he'd like to see added or returned in order to better understand the impact of the reduction and needs.

"We worked on an Operating Budget that would be sustainable," said Barber, with Nelson adding, "... trying to find a number that serves the students," and is still fiscally viable.

Rottler asked about school-enrollment numbers as an ongoing question of many taxpayers. Nelson said that in the next five years, enrollment may be reduced by 20 students. Enrollment for FY23 was 418 and for FY22 was 423. Mattapoisett School Committee Chairperson Carly Lavin said those numbers reflected seven grades.

The next budget-related meeting date is to be announced.

FinCom Dives into Budget Season

Marion Finance Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Finance Committee met on February

15 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2023 town budget and set a schedule for department heads to report for interviews.

The operating budget for the next fiscal year is at a \$321,108 deficit, according to Finance Director Judy Mooney.

"Currently I do not have a balanced budget. We would not be able to go to Town Meeting like this. Of course, we'd have to talk and figure out how we could fund it," Mooney told the committee.

Finance Committee Chairman Shay Assad assigned sections of the budget for each of the committee members to have a deeper look before those departments present to the committee at large. The February 16 meeting addressed Articles 2, 3 and 4, Marion's FY24 Operating Budget and the Water and Sewer Enterprise budgets.

Mooney said union contracts are coming up for Police, DPW and clerical employees. She noted that her own 20-year mark has been reached, resulting in a scheduled increase.

In discussing the increase in the FY24 Police budget, Mooney told the committee that the existing officer serving as a school resource officer is being funded through the department's operating budget. She explained that the SRO is reporting to the school rather than the Police Department in a PILOT program.

Every year there is a cruiser in the police budget, explained Mooney.

Regarding the Fire Department, license renewals and increase in the fire line are the big issues.

"One of the other issues we will need to talk about and make a recommendation to the Select Board is the whole issue of service to Tabor (Academy). The Fire Department spends a substantial amount of their time at Tabor," said Assad, who recommended Chief Brian Jackvony figure out exactly how much time is spent there.

Committee member Margie Baldwin pointed out that Marion EMS has a fee schedule, but Assad said "all kinds of stuff" adds up outside of those hard categories. Assad said both the Fire and Police chiefs are diligent and trying to do right by the town.

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increases in salary, overtime and boat maintenance. Assad said Mooney will spend time with the MRC to explain the "indirects" (assessments to the department for services provided by town employees.)

The Marine Center, which will cost \$600,000 more to construct and has less state support than originally anticipated, is no longer a sure thing. Mooney suggested that the department can increase its fee structure and close the gap.

"I made it clear and they know this. That's not a taxpayer issue. That's either the fees have to support it or the (new) building's got to come down, I think," said Assad. "I don't know how everybody else feels, but that's the way it is."

"I thought we weren't going to build it if we couldn't afford it," said committee member Peter Winters. "We have to get all the money in."

Mooney, who has also been serving as interim town administrator since Jay McGrail left Marion to become Middleborough's town manager, will give way to new Town Administrator Geoff Gorman on March 1. Meantime, Gorman has been getting acquainted with town operations, expanding on a weekly framework of days spent by attending a recent bond-rating meeting and also sat with Assad and Mooney to discuss Marion's budget season.

Capital requests will be taken up at a later meeting, but Mooney offered the committee a quick

clarification and forecast of that discussion, especially as it affects the ladder truck that fell on the Capital Improvements Planning Committee's priority list as presented to the Select Board.

The clarification was to point out that the CIPC's list was based on financial conditions prior to realization of an increase in free cash, but Mooney also said capital requests should not be judged according to fund sourcing.

"This year we've got a lot of free cash ... the sewer, we won't be able to support everything," she said. The ladder (fire) truck dropped \$400,000 in projected price down to \$1,200,000.

At its original price, Mooney said the ladder truck would have taken up half of Marion's free cash and therefore was categorized into a debt exclusion. Now, free cash is not out of the question.

"That's kind of what it's all about, to make sure that what we're appropriating fits into the tax (outcome.) Whatever we appropriate at Town Meeting is going to affect the tax rate - bottom line," said Mooney, referring to the state Department of Revenue spreadsheet sent out to the committee members.

Assad said, based on a look back at the past five years, growth was readjusted from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Mooney said she would like to work more with the Board of Assessors, telling the committee that bringing the number up would ease the budget process.

Student enrollment in the public schools was discussed, and Assad said that while Rochester's enrollment is increasing, Mattapoisett's is going down and Marion's "slightly down."

"I suspect that the issue at ORR is not going to be the budget itself. ... The minimum contribution is established on the basis of your average per-capita income and the total valuation of the town," said Assad. "And there was a significant increase in the valuation - in our valuation even though it was a valuation year - that's going to impact us. ... From a minimum-contribution view, we're going to have a higher (school-budget impact.)"

The effect, he explained, is that while Marion's enrollment is relatively steady and less than the other two Tri-Towns, falling enrollment increases Marion's relative percentage and drives costs upward.

Mooney said she was receiving feedback supporting Assad's outlook.

"When are we going to get to those incremental levels?" asked Assad, trying to quantify thresholds for adding or decreasing faculty.

Committee member Jay Pateakos said the school committees have for years tried to figure that out.

"It's always been an issue where we're spending way more than we're getting, and their solution is, 'Well we're filling these classrooms.' But that's one classroom, and the next classroom is too big and they have to hire another teacher ...," he said. "It's too deep for us, and it's the school committee's thing, but from a finance



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committee's perspective we're always asking about school choice. We always want to know more, and we get very little information. It's always been frustrating."

Assad said what the committee needs to do is find out how many students are coming in via the School Choice program, how much revenue is realized from the program and then figure out if, without those students, could a staff reduction be justified. If so, then School Choice should be on the table for discussion. If not, then School Choice only adds revenue to the school district.

Assad said Marion has fewer students attending Upper Cape Technical high school than Mattapoisett and Rochester have attending Old Colony RVTHS.

Committee member Bill Marvel reminded the committee that Town Meeting voters can affect change via disapproval of the budget.

Based on the past three years, Marion's "actual revenues" have been at \$2,500,000, representing a \$300,000 gain. The line says \$425,000, but \$125,000 is allocated to the ORR track rehabilitation project.

Water and Sewer Enterprise funds are offset by the loss of Lockheed Martin. Toby Burr, representing the Select Board, told the committee that the developer working with the town on redeveloping the former Lockheed Martin property has developed the Faunce Corner Road section of North Dartmouth.

Indirect costs to the Water and Sewer Enterprise funds have lowered with Becky Tilden's promotion to director of the Public Works Department.

Mooney also reported a significant increase at the Board of Health, where a 30-hour agent is needed but the hire has been for 25 hours.

Baldwin asked where the wiggle room is in the overall 5.29% budget increase. Assad said the town does not yet have ORR's proposed budget.

"The reality of it is, if we didn't have this pension whack we've got, we'd be within 60-K of having a balanced budget," said Assad. "So we're having to make up for this pension hit that we took. I do think ... we have the money (via free cash), but is it wise to draw that down ...?"

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Sippican Elementary School, no department is pushing to add personnel.

While the ORR budget is always a concern in the Tri-Towns, the apportionment, said Assad, is something that the towns cannot control and a potentially challenging factor for Marion.

"The budget could actually go down and our share of it go up, and it's got a lot to do with the property values in the town," said Assad.

Assad publicly credited Mooney for her fiscal responsibility in managing the town's resources, putting Marion in a position to be able to deal with the current challenge.

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committee was due the day after the meeting to receive a preliminary version of the ORR FY24 budget that has not yet been approved by the school committee.

The Marion Finance Committee was next scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00 pm.

Department Heads Grilled on Requests

Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee

By Marilou Newell

The Mattapoisett Capital Planning committee has begun meeting with department heads to more fully probe requests. The total amount of the town's capital needs for FY24 stands at \$10,791,000. The proposed spending includes: \$55,000 for a new Fire Department SUV, two Highway Department reconstruction projects totaling \$1,400,000 for Oakland and Pearl Streets (planned funding via capital debt exclusion) and \$170,000 for a highway backhoe loader.

Also listed on the Capital Planning spreadsheet: Replace flooring at Center School \$25,000 and kitchen oven for \$19,500, security server \$10,000, Old Hammondtown School's fire panel \$19,000, replace roof soffits and gutters \$48,150 and replace window seals \$20,000.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library is seeking carpet replacement on bottom floor \$45,000 and historic slate-roof repair and restoration at \$85,000.

Recently added to the Capital Plan are expenses

and needs associated with the bike path. For FY24, those are \$75,000 (grants being sought.)

A sum of \$35,000 is proposed for a Town Hall feasibility study. Town Administrator Mike Lorencio recently told The Wanderer that although it's been known for a number of years that the viability of the Town Hall building on Main Street must be evaluated, nothing has been done thus far. Lorencio seeks to fund a study that will evaluate the building's condition and possible relocation. In the meantime, there are furniture needs for various town department locations estimated at \$25,000.

Waterfront Enterprise capital needs are: \$45,000 for new pilings (via grant), a harbor management plan for \$30,000 (free cash), new dinghy dock \$25,000 (free cash) and \$20,000 (grants being sought) for new floating docks.

Listed for Old Rochester Regional High School are \$24,000 for asphalt repair, \$24,000 for floor-tile replacement and \$23,000 for boiler-control updates.

On February 21, the committee met with Henri Renauld, Water and Sewer superintendent. Renauld said of the proposed Peases Point/Hollywood Beach sewer project (\$3,100,000 via a bond) that 131 homes would be included in the program and to be accepted requires 66% of the homeowners to agree to betterment fees. He said that project is 75% through design and that a meeting will be planned to discuss the project with residents of the areas involved sometime in March.

Other capital projects proposed are the Oakland Street water-system replacement that will include replacing old cast-iron pipes with 8-inch PVC \$510,000 (from ARPA funds pending Select Board approval), study of lead and copper in the water system \$30,000 (grants to be sought), water-well updates \$30,000 (grants to be sought) and village-area, water-main replacement \$120,000 (debt exclusion.)

The Sewer Department is seeking \$35,000 for station rehabilitation (grants to be sought) and \$6,700,000 via debt exclusion for an Eel Pond force main, along with plant and piping updates.

Board of Health Agent Gail Joseph met with the Select Board to discuss the \$75,000 capital need for reorganization of the Transfer Station. Joseph said that the goal is to continue cleaning up and organizing the site, "to make it more useful to the town," including generating revenue. Joseph said she hopes to build an area for the collection of hazardous materials.

Currently available to residents are cardboard, glass and household-trash drop-off at no charge. Mattress, television and textile-collection areas have also been set up. Joseph emphasized, "The vision is to get it running so it makes a profit." Last year, retained earnings were approximately \$6,000.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, at 5:30 pm.

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Boatyard Redesign Will Ease Traffic

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

On February 16, the Mattapoisett Boatyard, represented by David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc., came before the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Permit.

Davignon explained the proposed construction of one new building on a site that had held seven buildings before a catastrophic fire leveled everything – the boatyard was devastated, but the neighborhood was saved. Now the owners, the Kaiser family, rolled out their reconstruction plans.

Building Commissioner David Riquinha told the board members that the property owners could have rebuilt all seven structures on the original footprints without the need to come before the board, but due to the plan featuring a new building with a new footprint, a Special Permit was needed for the nonconforming southerly setback.

The new structure was described by Davignon as measuring 80x131 feet and approximately 23 feet in height, covering 10,507 square feet. It would be situated 11 feet off the southern boundary line along the waterfront. He also noted that due to the location of the business, other regulatory agencies would be involved with the permitting process. Davignon further stated that lot coverage would be significantly reduced from 22% to 9.8%.

Regarding other structures planned for the site, Davignon said that in another phase, the Kaisers hope to construct an addition to the structure currently planned, but that was not before the board on February 16.

Several abutters and residents in the Ned's Point neighborhood spoke in favor of the project, saying the Kaisers were good neighbors and that the Fire Department's performance is to be lauded. Ned Kaiser, who was present at the hearing, said that with the new plan there would be more parking within the property, relieving street-parking congestion.

Before the ZBA made its decision, Riquinha told the board that the plans were an improvement over the original arrangement of seven structures. The ZBA voted unanimously to approve the request.

Also permitted was a request by Jean Mello, 39 Marion Road, for the conversion of a building unit from a dental office to a family-related apartment attached to a residential structure.


The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals was not scheduled upon adjournment.

Front Street Addition Gets Variance


Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

Kai Srisirikul will be allowed to build an addition to his house at 362 Front Street, the Marion Zoning Board



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of Appeals decided on February 9.

Srisirikul was voted a special permit per Zoning Bylaw 230-6.1 to allow him to construct an addition to an existing, nonconforming dwelling. The dwelling, a cottage that Srisirikul estimates to cover approximately 900-960 square feet, would get an addition measuring roughly 26.5x12 feet.

The current structure's side setback sits 4.8 feet away from the property line. The addition would sit approximately a foot farther from the property line. Srisirikul told the board the front setback is up to 1.5 feet too close. He said he would have a surveyor confirm his situation but said he knows the new structure would sit farther back from the buildings on either side of his house.

The ZBA clarified that the additional space is being created for family living space, not for the rentals that Srisirikul owns. He does not plan to add bathrooms.

Though the property is zoned for business, Srisirikul clarified that no business is being conducted out of the address.

Don Easterday filed a request to withdraw his



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request for a variance without prejudice dated January 23. On January 12, the board had voted to continue the case to February 9, pending revisions in the applicant's plans for a two-car garage at 52 Cove Circle.

The ZBA perused Pages 1-10 of the Village Style Smart Growth District handout. The proposal still has to go before the Planning Board. Callow told the ZBA members that while the matter is premature to discuss, she considers it wise of the ZBA to be in the loop. The Planning Board, at a later date, may request that the ZBA comment.

The ZBA voted 5-1 to write a letter to the Community Preservation Committee supporting the contracting of a consultant to assist the Historic District

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Study Group.

Callow took a moment before the meeting ended to publicly acknowledge the passing of Elizabeth S. "Betsy" Dunn of Marion, longtime former ZBA member and founding member of the Board of Health, who passed away on February 7 at age 88.

With no cases scheduled, the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals did not announce a date for its next meeting.

Septic Variance Requested

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Board of Health approved a septic variance requested at 13 Washburn Lane during its February 16 meeting at the Police Station.

Brian Grady from G.A.F. Engineering represented the property owner, describing the project as an upgrade to a failed system. An existing tank is being replaced with a FAST system going to a field of unknown construction.

Grady reported that George Heufelder, Marion's review, had no comments and said that the plan is suitable for approval.

The board also voted to approve the septic plan at 2 Sassomon Trail based on a three-bedroom plan.

Dr. Ed Hoffer chaired the meeting in the absence of Board of Health Chairman Dr. John Howard.

In her update, Health Director/Nurse Lori Desmarais said she would need to spend \$18,500 to match last year's vaccine order.

Health Agent Shalyn Rodriguez reported on inspections that passed and minor violations that were corrected on the spot.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, at 4:00 pm.

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To the Editor,

I'm writing in response to the February 6, 2023 Planning Board meeting and to the subsequent article in the Wanderer's February 9 Issue. I would like to set the record straight regarding the Planning Board's concern

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with the proximity to Route 6 of the new houses being built on Chapel Road. In Jan of 2018 I decided to develop my property on the North side of Chapel Rd. I consulted my engineer, attorney and the zoning enforcement officer at that time. By mid-Feb. we concluded that the best way to move forward was through the Towns Zoning by-law Article 3.11 Special Residential Development (SRD), I chose this development model because I wanted to do a project that allowed for smart development and also minimized the impacts to the existing neighborhood and Rte 6 corridor. The Intent of SRD as stated in the by-law is "to permit the maximum flexibility for developing land for residential purposes, broaden housing opportunities, encourage the preservation of open spaces and promote the more efficient use of the land in harmony with its natural features". To be considered for a Special Permit, an applicant must provide the board with a "Yield Plan". The "Yield Plan" simply proves how many units can be built under conventional zoning. This forms the basis from which the Planning Board determines how many units can be allowed under SRD. In May I decided to move forward with an informal discussion with the Board to see if they would allow my project to move forward using the SRD development model. I was placed on the agenda for May 7th under the label "Chapel Street informal Discussion/ Special Residential Development. I submitted two plans showing what the project might look like under "Conventional Subdivision". I also submitted an SRD plan showing a huge reduction in the overall disturbed area (by more than half), preserving 2.5 acres of "Green Way" along RT.6 (To be donated to the Mattapoisett Land Trust) all in keeping with the intent of SRD as stated above. To put it another way, there would have been a large area of open space and a natural wooded buffer between the homes and Route 6. During that meeting it became evident that some of the board members had reservations as to whether we could qualify for SRD permitting, it seemed the yield plan was their main source of concern. In an effort to resolve the matter, the Board decided to have Town counsel review the application to ensure its consistency with the requirements and intent of the SRD's Special Permit and

the meeting was continued. Town counsel reviewed the matter and in a formal letter dated May 21st, he opined that either yield plan as presented met the intent of the regulation and could be considered, as he repeatedly stated in the letter a total of 6 times. He also stated that the Board has great discretion and broad authority to grant or deny a special permit. Upon receiving a copy of the letter, I was convinced that the Board had the answers they needed and that we would be allowed to move forward with our SRD application. Wrong. At the subsequent meeting (our last), three members of the Board chose not to heed Town counsel's advice and decided not to support our application. Janice Robbins, Karen Field, and Arlene Fildago all indicated for the record that they would not support our request. That was in 2018. In 2022 I sold the land to a builder along with plans for each individual lot permitted under conventional zoning and signed by some of those very same individuals. Under the conventional zoning regulations, the builder is limited to where he can build within each lot, which reduces the open space and natural buffer along Route 6. Although the builder is building some beautiful homes, it's unfortunate that the result is void of any of the intent of an SRD to facilitate smart, low impact development and ensure open space. To this day I cannot fathom why they chose not to support a plan that was clearly a much better option, potentially avoiding what we have now, massive clearing and no green space. In retrospect I hope that in the future the Planning Board will keep an open mind and work with developers to permit projects that reduce sprawl, permanently preserve open space and better serve the community.

Respectfully, David Nicolosi

Academic Achievements

Curry College congratulates **Ariane Dias** of Rochester who was named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List.

The University of Maine recognized **Griffin Lawrence** of Mattapoisett for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2022 semester.

Emma Thorell of Mattapoisett, who is in the physician assistant program and **Cecilia Prefontaine**



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of Rochester, who is in the ASL-English interpretation program, were named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for and completed at least 12 credit hours.

Charlotte Cole of Mattapoisett, **Drew Mastovsky** of Marion and **Gracie McCarthy** of Marion have been named to the fall 2022 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Mattapoisett Cultural Grants Awarded

State Representative William M. Straus joins Mattapoisett Cultural Council in announcing the award of 20 grants totaling \$11,250 for cultural programs in and around Mattapoisett.

Grant recipients include Friends of Old Rochester Drama, Mattapoisett Free Public Library, Mattapoisett Historical Society, Mattapoisett Land Trust, Mattapoisett Lions Club and Mattapoisett Recreation. A complete list of recipients can be found below.

Mattapoisett Cultural Council is part of a network of Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth, the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year.

In 2023, Mattapoisett Cultural Council has once again received town financial support to supplement the state allocation and is fortunate to have both state and town funding. Creative arts, cultural and science program offerings in our local region are thriving. Funding needs and requests have increased – the council considered 30 grant applications totaling over \$22,000 this year and was disappointed to have to decline or reduce support for several worthwhile projects. Mattapoisett residents are deserving of the rich cultural experiences that the applicants provide.



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"This program depends on the efforts of local volunteers to distribute state funding to local artists and cultural organizations, and I commend the Council for their difficult work in selecting the grant recipients from what I am sure was a large pool of worthy applicants." said Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett.)

This year's Mattapoisett Cultural Council grantees include: Davis R. Bates, Rhonda M. Fazio, Friends of Old Rochester Drama, Greater New Bedford Choral Society, Marion Art Center, Mattapoisett Free Public Library, Mattapoisett Historical Society, Mattapoisett Land Trust Education Committee, Mattapoisett Lions Club, Mattapoisett Recreation, New Bedford Festival Theatre, New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, New Bedford Museum and Art Center, New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, Seaglass Theater Company, Sippican Choral Society, South Coast Children's Chorus and Tri-County Symphonic Band

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. Information will be available



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Mattapoisett Library Watercolor Events

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A second *Weird and Wonderful Watercolors* will take place specifically for children on Tuesday, **February 28** at 3:15 pm. This event will function very similarly to the previous, but catering to children ages 6 and up.

As a bonus, both of these events will begin work on a community acrylic painting, and all participants will have the opportunity to contribute. When the paintings are complete, they will be on display in the library.

Registration is required for both programs.

All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 or email mflp@sailsinc.org.

New Programs at the MAC

The Marion Art Center announces a new music program as part of its Music at the MAC series, *Unplugged* in the MAC Gallery, which will feature a small ensemble of musicians in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery (upstairs.) The first event, scheduled on Friday, **April 14**, will feature Matt Richard and Donn Legge. This



jazz guitar and piano duo was recently formed, but Matt and Donn have known each other and collaborated in many musical events beginning at Westfield State College in the early 1980s.

There will be two separate performances during the night, and each set will last about 45 minutes. Find a spot at a cabaret table to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. Guests will enjoy a refreshing setting at this "unplugged" performance featuring mainly acoustic sound, without the volume and density of bass and drums often experienced during larger concerts in the MAC Theater. Guests may bring their own beverages and snacks to enjoy in this intimate setting. The first "seating" on **4/14** will begin at 7:30 pm, while the second will begin at 8:45 pm. Tickets for one set are just \$12 for MAC members (on sale now) and \$15 for nonmembers (on sale **February 24**.) Capacity is limited to approximately 25 guests per set, and advance reservations are strongly recommended. Of note: guests must access the room via a staircase leading to the



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Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 1**. We meet at the American Legion Eastman Post on Depot Street. Doors open at 5 pm for social time followed by dinner at 6 pm. Our speaker program begins at 6:45. Colby will be preparing a filling and delicious meal. New members are always welcome. Please contact Chuck at cwmccullough@comcast.net with questions.

Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom

Artist and Instructor Lisa Elliott will teach a new session of Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom, this time as a two-day workshop over two full Saturdays at the Marion Art Center, **April 15 and 22**. The class will meet both Saturdays from 9:00 am-4:00 pm, with a one-hour lunch break each day. Have you ever wanted to try weaving but not sure where to begin? In just two all-day classes, you can learn a new fiber skill and take home your very first woven project. Students will weave one of the following: a scarf, table runner, set of placemats, or set of tea towels. Looms and weaving equipment are provided, but students will provide their own yarns. Students will meet in the downstairs MAC Studio. The cost is \$150 for MAC members and \$160 for nonmembers,

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Lisa Elliott will lead the MAC's second Textile Tuesday gathering on Tuesday, **February 28** from 6-8 pm. Join other fiber artists in the Marion Art Center Studio the last Tuesday of each month for a textile studio session. This is not a class but an opportunity to work on your own project next to other artists, share challenges, ideas and tips, show off projects (in process or completed) or ask for feedback. Enjoy the art-making process in a social setting and get inspired. Projects may include: knitting & crochet; embroidery or hand stitching; rigid heddle loom (pre-warped) or tabletop weaving; Sashiko mending; needlepoint felting; fabric collage; spinning; small quilting projects; other handicraft projects. This program is free to attend, but the MAC gladly accepts cash donations of any size to help offset its operational costs. To learn more and to register, visit marionartcenter.org/events.

Mattapoisett Republican Party

The Mattapoisett Republican Party has returned as an organization to Mattapoisett. Everyone interested in participating in the GOP should contact Bill Reidy, Chair Mattapoisett GOP, email: ChairMattGOP@Gmail.com; Mail: 82 County Rd., PMB #17, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; Mobile: 508-287-8008; Website: MattapoisettGOP.com; Facebook: Mattapoisett Republican Party; Twitter:

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The MAC Seeks ArtStart Teachers, Theater Directors and Technicians

The Marion Art Center is seeking a music teacher and a theater teacher for ArtStart 2023, the summer program for kids ages 4.5-9. Teachers are expected to be available for all five weeks of the program, which runs for Mon-Fri, 9:00 am-12:30 pm late June through July. Some exceptions may be made for occasional days off as needed. Those interested should send a letter of interest, a resume with relevant work experience and a list of any conflicting dates during the summer program to info@marionartcenter.org with "ArtStart teacher application" in the subject line. The program director will reach out to potential candidates for interviews. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled. Learn more at marionartcenter.org/artstart.

The MAC Theater is searching for play directors and sound/lighting interns or assistants. The Marion Art Center Theater produces up to five plays each year. Productions run the gamut from poignant dramas to laugh-out-loud musicals, all made possible by volunteer performers and crews passionate about creating theater of the highest quality. The stage has a professional lighting and sound system, and the intimate 60+ person theater was recently updated. The MAC offers a wonderful local

OBITUARIES



Richard J. Moniz, 81, of Rochester died February 16, 2023 peacefully at home.

He was the husband of Dr. Deborah A. Hartley, and the son of the late Francisco and Rosemary (Bento) Moniz. Richard was born and remained in New Bedford before moving to Rochester 35 years ago.

He was formerly employed as a police officer with the New Bedford Police Department for 28 years before retiring as detective. Prior to that, he was a machinist and served 4 years in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, working in his vegetable garden, listening to music, and the company of his dogs.

He had a sense for adventure, riding his motorcycle, traveling, boating, and spending time in Florida with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife; his son, Richard J. Moniz, Jr. and his companion Lynn Cousins of Dartmouth; his daughter, Deborah Morrison of Acushnet; his former wife, Lorraine (Ferro) Moniz of Rochester; 5 grandchildren, Luke Morrison, Ava Morrison, Jamie Moniz, Richard Moniz-Faria and William Brightman; a great-granddaughter, Josephine Walker; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the father-in-law of the late James Morrison and the brother of the late Frank Moniz and Manuel Moniz.

His visiting hours will be held on Friday, February 24th from 4-8 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Lawrence G. Leger, 86, of Rochester, died peacefully on Friday, February 17, 2023.



Born in New Bedford, son of the late J. Edgar and Louise (Landry) Leger, he lived in Rochester most of his life.

Larry worked as a Pipefitter with Local 51 Plumbers and Pipefitters and served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He enjoyed spending time with his cats and dogs, and liked to bird watch.

Larry is survived by numerous family members and friends.

Larry's urn burial will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 9 am in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

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theater experience to anyone who wants to get behind the scenes and join our troop of actors and stage crew. Directors and technicians both receive a stipend for each production. Training is available for those with limited experience who are interested. The MAC is a member of the Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theaters (EMACT). Interested parties should send name, contact info, and a resume or list of relevant work experience to info@marionartcenter.org with "MAC Theater Director" or "MAC Theater Tech" in the subject line.

Mattapoissett Republican Party Monthly Town Meeting

The Mattapoissett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Tuesday, **March 7** from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

Topics for discussion are: 1) The upcoming town elections; 2) Massachusetts GOP Activities; 3) Other local events of interest

If interested, please attend or contact by email: ChairMattGOP@Gmail.com

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Thursday February 23, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With...
9:30 AM Arts Alive
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltroc with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Katy Babbitt
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday February 24, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre

2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
4:57 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Dr. Michael Moore
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of the Southcoast
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday February 25, 2023

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Katy Babbitt
2:30 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
3:00 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies on the Southcoast
5:30 PM Cape Conversations
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:00 PM Hardvard Krokodiles at ORR
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday February 26, 2023

6:00 AM Health Source

6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Katy Babbitt
2:30 PM Hardvard Krokodiles at ORR
3:30 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Climate Crisis and its Solution
9:30 PM This is America & The World
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday February 27, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow

and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Climate Crisis and its Solution
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
7:30 PM Ron Wisner - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels
7:30 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltowitz
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday February 28, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Plastic Pollution
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
7:00 PM Hardvard Krokodiles at ORR
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday March 1, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Auto Sense
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Plastic Pollution
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Portuguese History
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Planning Board
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
12:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health
4:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
5:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
8:00 PM Marion School Committee
9:00 PM ORR Regional School Committee
11:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

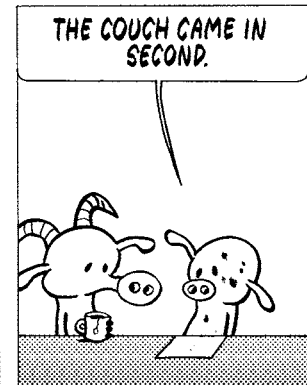
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9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeal
12:30 PM Rochester School Committee
1:30 PM Joint School Committee
3:30 PM ORR School Committee
5:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
7:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 PM Rochester School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 97 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
8:00 AM Sippican Historical Society - Mehetabel Chandler Colt
9:00 AM Sippican Talent Show
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Apponequet
2:00 PM ORRHS Pep Rally
3:00 PM ORRHS Unified Basketball vs Wareham
4:00 PM FORM Choral Concert
5:00 PM FORM Instrumental Concert
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM OC 8th Grade Exploratory Day 1
7:30 PM OC 8th Grade Exploratory Day 2
8:00 PM OC 8th Grade Exploratory Day 3
8:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs SB
9:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Dighton-Rehoboth
11:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 38

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



picture of the experiences of immigrant families and communities. Beyond building empathy, these films lift up real stories of resilience and strength, while illustrating some of the ways people can give their time, energy and resources to support organizing led by immigrant communities.

Following the films, representatives from the Immigrants' Assistance Center and the Community Economic Development Council will answer questions about local immigration issues and talk about opportunities to support immigrants in our community.

Stories beyond Borders is a project of Working Films, a national nonprofit organization based in Wilmington, NC.

This free event will be held Sunday, March 12, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, in Reynard Hall at Mattapoissett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoissett.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee is planning on holding its monthly meeting **March 14**, at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club 242, Robinson Road in Acushnet. The meeting will begin at 6 pm. On the agenda will be a discussion and planning for Rochester's Town Meeting May 22 and town elections to be held May 24. Also on the agenda will be future fundraising events and increasing membership. All members of the community are invited to attend. You do not need to be a member of

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



John Oldham has been teaching history at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School for 17 years, but in his off time he takes photographs of the buildings, sights and scenes that pique his interest. Oldham has broad interests but is especially drawn to architecture and street scenes. He credits his daughter's artistic studies and endeavors for inspiring him. Although he deems taking photographs a hobby at this point, once he retires from teaching, he'll explore making it much more than that. "I wished I had found this thirty years ago," said the Mattapoisett resident. But his compositions and thematic style are now available for all to enjoy and epitomizes the old adage, "It's never too late." Oldham's photography is currently on exhibit at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library reading room through mid-March. Photos by Marilou Newell



James Rassman, Southeast District service forester from the Massachusetts Bureau of Forestry, spoke on tree identification in winter months during his February 15 trip to Washburn Park. While ranked third in the nation in population density, Massachusetts is the nation's eighth, most-heavily forested state. Rassman's visit was sponsored by the Marion Museum of Natural History. Photos by Marilou Newell



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the committee to participate in discussions. Should you have any questions, you may contact Bill Chamberlain at 508-272-6793 or by email: pauln75@verizon.net.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The library is celebrating Black History Month. Visit all month long to find novels, histories, cookbooks, essays, graphic novels, picture books, crafts and more celebrating Black history and culture.

In honor of Black History Month, the Excellent family is so excited to celebrate with the Elizabeth Taber Library on Friday **February 24** at 10:30 am for poignant

and inspiring tales, songs and art celebrating Black history and stories.

Friends of the Library coffee hour Thursday **March 2** at 9:30 am. Learn more about the brand new Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library at our recruitment coffee hour. Serve the community of Marion by supporting the library.

The 2nd Annual Lizzy T Trivia Night Fundraiser - Friday **March 24** at 7 pm - Gather a team of 5-6 members and compete in a battle of wits to benefit the library. Topics include local history, sports, pop culture and more. Find registration forms at the library or on our website, \$200 team entry fee.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Need for Speed

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Top Gun: Maverick*.** Starring Tom Cruise and Miles Teller. Directed by Joseph Kosinski. Running time: 130 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now available on physical and streaming home media.

Continuing Oscar catch-up: Nostalgia can exert a powerful magnetic pull. The first *Top Gun*, from 1986, never won my heart, but *Top Gun: Maverick* felt like coming home, in a weird way. There's no reason in the world it should have worked, but it does. *Maverick* was put together by a bunch of craftspeople — not necessarily artists — who are very good at what they do, and who know what *works*, damn them. Two and a half cheers, then, for an entertainment that delivers on its promise (and never even thinks to pretend to be more). It tickled the same part of my brain that lights up whenever the radio plays '80s songs.

I don't know why we care about Maverick (Tom Cruise) and his arc from rule-bucking perpetual captain to teacher and leader of an elite squadron of pilots. But we do. I don't know why we care about Rooster (Miles Teller), one of those elite flyboys, whose father (Anthony Edwards in the original movie) flew with Maverick and died, and who is sore at Maverick for holding back his career. But we do. I don't even know why we care about the mission, which involves dropping bombs on some secret uranium plant in some country somewhere — North Korea? Canada? who knows? — and then skedaddling at dangerous speed before the deadly counter-attack. But we do. It's the architecture of the thing as much as the plot details. It's built to please — all quadrants. That's what it does. That's all it does.

Cruise has been a star now for forty years. Gravitas has gathered around his jowls and the thickening of his nose, but he sounds pretty much the same — the pitch is the same, anyway, though the words don't come gusting out in an impatient rush any more. This older Maverick thinks a little before he talks. The mantra in the movie is "Don't



think, just do," which seems at odds with the shrewd businessman Cruise seems to have become. (His own "do, don't overthink" period was from 1989 to 2004, let's say.) What Cruise has to sell here, though, is his image as a doer — the crazy cat who does his own stunts, climbs up skyscrapers, jumps out of planes and chats with us on the way down. What he does is old-school movie-star acting, which is fine for *Top Gun*, and he knows just how much self-deprecating comedy he can allow at Maverick's expense without damaging his credibility as a leader of soldiers. And he has aged into someone who at least *looks* like he could instruct and command. That's not something we could have guessed from the first *Top Gun*, where his hot-shot callowness was sort of the point.

Of the neo-Blackhawks on Maverick's team, only Rooster and another guy, the arrogant, toothy Hangman (Glen Powell), really register. The ranks are more diverse — there's a woman, some pilots of color — but it's still essentially a triangle of white guys, aping the Maverick-Goose-Iceman dynamic in the first one. Speaking of Iceman, Val Kilmer is back, and his quiet presence gives his scene some substance. Iceman also brings some homely reality to this franchise, a sense of mortal threat that comes not from enemy fire or malfunctioning jets but from one's own mutinous body. It's not a narrative beat you'd expect to encounter in most blockbusters of this stripe. But the scene is played so honestly and with such direct access to sorrow and humor that it transcends its surroundings. The dialogue isn't telling us much — Iceman tells Maverick to go get 'em, basically — but it's still a three-minute great drama, supported by a lot of aerial zooming and shooting and whizzing. Whatever it takes.

19 at 6 pm - A fundraising event that pairs a delicious dinner in a Marion neighbor's home with a lively book discussion. Find registration forms, including available titles at the library or on our website. Tickets are \$75 per person. Join us for story times every Wednesday (baby lap sit) and Friday (all ages) from 10:30-11:30.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or call us at 508-748-1252.

The MAC Theater Presents Oscar Wilde Classic

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its first play production of the season, *The Importance of Being Earnest: A Trivial Comedy for Serious People*, written by Oscar Wilde and directed by Kate Fishman. Tickets, just \$20 for MAC members and \$23 for nonmembers, are on sale now at marionartcenter.org / events. Show dates are **March 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25**, with Fri/Sat shows scheduled at 7:30 pm and Sun matinees scheduled at 2:00 pm.

The Oscar Wilde classic features protagonists that maintain fictitious personas to escape their social obligations. Wilde's hilarious farce satirizes the hypocrisy of social order and the carelessness with which people treat marriage, family and friendship; this subversive story will appeal to a wide range of malcontents and ne'er-do-wells. The cast includes Steffon Gales, Tristan McCann, Maura Van Voris, Gary Sousa, Susan Reddick, Jack Boesen and Janne Hellgren. Understudies (who will perform for at least 2 of 8 shows) include Kiah Allaire, Oliver Asker, Gavin Bressler, Suzie Kokkins, Cynthia Latham, Kate Sorenson-Young and Donn Tyler. Abby Wheeler is stage manager and Steve McManus is sound and lighting technician.

Hidden Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts

The Marion Natural History Museum will be hosting David Orwig, Senior Ecologist and Forest Ecologist with Harvard Forest on **March 31** at 7:00 pm at the Museum. David will be sharing his research into the presence of old-growth forests in our state. The talk

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Upcoming Events at Rochester Historical Society

In a month, it will be Spring, and the resumption of activities at the Rochester Historical Society will be blooming along with the tulips and crocuses. Our 2023 Membership Drive continues. For information on that, you can email Connie at eshbach2@aol.com or call or email Sue sash48@comcast.net or 508-295-8908.

We have some dates to circle on your calendar: First meeting of 2023 on Wednesday, **April 19** - Connie Eshbach, Celebrations from Rochester's Past.

The most important date, **May 7**, Dedication of Rochester's newest war memorial honoring those who served in the War for Independence. Watch for more information.

While you're circling dates, our second meeting's speaker will be the owner of Nettie's Bees on Wednesday, **May 17**. Meetings are at 7:00 at the Rochester Historical

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Feb 12-Feb 18

- Hermitage Rd – Animal complaint
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Spring St – General service
- Point Rd - Lockout
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Abandoned property
- East Ave – EMS/medical
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV collision
- Mill St - Fraud
- Front St – animal complaint
- Vine St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Paper service
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Pleasant St – Suspicious MV
- County Rd – Message delivery
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Main St – Animal complaint
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St - Disturbance
- Abels Way - Fraud
- Mill St – MV collision
- Lewis St – EMS/medical
- Doran Way – EMS/medical
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Paper service
- Dexter Rd – Animal complaint

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Feb 12-Feb 18

- County Rd – MV violations
- Split Rock Ln – 911 call
- Neds Point Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Ocean Dr – Suspicious persons
- Ship St – Medical alarm
- Goodspeed Island - Vandalism
- County Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- North St – MV violations
- Silver Shell Ave – General service
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Aucoot Rd – General service
- County Rd – 911 call
- Randall Rd – Domestic disturbance
- County Rd – Serve warrant
- Ship St – Medical alarm
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Cannon St – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – Civil complaint
- Long Plain Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – MV violations
- Wolf Island Rd – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
- Baker Ln – MV lockout
- County Rd - Disturbance
- Park St - Disturbance

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Feb 12-Feb 18

- Marion Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Marion Rd – General services
- Neck Rd – Erratic MV
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – Inside investigation
- Bowens Ln – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cushman Rd – Inside investigation
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Rounseville Rd – Panic alarm
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – Medical alarm
- Alley Rd - Fraud
- North Ave – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Follow up
- Vaugh Hill Rd - Investigation
- Bradford Ln – Missing person
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mattapoissett Rd – Erratic MV
- Braley Hill Rd – 911 call

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Feb 27 Curry chicken, bowtie pasta, beets, whole wheat bread, Mandarin oranges
Tuesday, Feb 28 Beef stir fry, jasmine rice, oatmeal roll, banana
Wednesday, March 1: Tossed salad w/dressing, California chicken salad, German potato salad, multigrain roll, fresh orange
Thursday, March 2: Turkey Divan, O'Brien potatoes, whole wheat roll, iced banana cake, diet: sugar-free cookie
Friday, March 3: Salmon w/ lemon dill sauce, rice, carrots, snowflake roll, mixed fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 27 Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Feb 28 Taco nacho platter, black bean
Wednesday, March 1: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty
Thursday, March 2: Chicken

parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, carrots, warm breadstick
Friday, March 3: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Feb 27 Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Feb 28 Taco nacho platter, black bean
Wednesday, March 1: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty
Thursday, March 2: Chicken parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, carrots, warm breadstick
Friday, March 3: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Feb 27 Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Feb 28 Taco nacho

platter, black bean
Wednesday, March 1: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty
Thursday, March 2: Chicken parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, carrots, warm breadstick
Friday, March 3: Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Feb 27 Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Feb 28 Taco nacho platter, black bean
Wednesday, March 1: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty
Thursday, March 2: Chicken parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, carrots, warm breadstick
Friday, March 3: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 27 Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, BBQ baked beans, oven baked French fries
Tuesday, Feb 28 Taco nacho platter, black bean
Wednesday, March 1: Pancakes, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, hashbrown patty
Thursday, March 2: Chicken parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, carrots, warm breadstick
Friday, March 3: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Feb 27 Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll
Tuesday, Feb 28 Cheese pizza quesadilla & fries
Wednesday, March 1: Inservice – no students
Thursday, March 2: Linguica sandwich & fries
Friday, March 3: Assorted pizza

Museum, 355 County Road.

Also, we're planning a 2nd tour of the Rochester Center Cemetery (doing the half that we didn't get to) in June with the date to be announced soon. There will be more info and more speakers announced in the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing a new season with you.

All Things Art for Tweens Returns this Summer

All Things Art returns for the 2022 summer camp season. Program director Kate Frazer Rego will lead three sessions of this immersive weeklong program, which takes place in late summer and is geared toward young artists, ages 10-13. During their time in the MAC Art Studio, young artists will experiment with a number of practices, techniques and media, including drawing, sculpting, printmaking, fiber arts, working with clay and more. Learn how to talk about art making and what inspires one's creative choices. Some class time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Three one-week sessions are available, and the program runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 am-12:30 pm each day: Session 1: Monday, **July 31**-Friday, **August 4**; Session 2: Monday, **August 7**-Friday, **August 11**; Session 3: Monday, **August 14**-Friday, **August 18**. Cost for MAC Members is \$250 plus \$55 materials fee per student, and the cost for nonmembers is \$290 plus \$55 materials fee per student. Payment plans are available upon request. Space is limited. Register online at marionartcenter.org/all-things-art.

Children's Chair Fundraiser

The Friends need your help. The Friends of Plumb Library are raising funds for the purchase of children's chairs. Chairs are child/youth size and will be used during Story Time as well as during children/youth programs taking place at the library. Chairs will be used with new adjustable height tables. Cost per chair is \$50 and a total of 12 chairs are needed.

Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted starting immediately – Story Time with Ms. Lisa resumes in March, Book Buds is going on now, and the Summer Library Program is on the horizon. Cash or checks (made out to Friends of Plumb Library) may be left at the circulation desk during regular business hours.

Questions? Please email the Friends at plumbfriends@gmail.com – we look forward to hearing from you.

Rochester Cultural Council Grantees

The Rochester Cultural Council is excited to announce that we have been awarded \$5,800 in grant funds to support 12 projects in 2023. Grants ranged from \$150 to \$750 and were awarded in the categories of

arts, sciences, and humanities. Emphasis was placed on funding programs that benefited Rochester residents and are to be held locally in town as well as projects that are free to participants or available at a reduced rate.

The RCC is proud to be able to announce our support for the following grantees for FY23: Mattapoisett Land Trust, Friends of Old Rochester Drama, Vincent Lovegrove Jr., MUSIC Dance.edu, Marion Art Center, New Bedford Museum and Art Center, Onset Bay Association, Rochester Historical Society, Rochester Memorial School PTO, Sippican Choral Society, South Coast Children's Chorus and the Tri-County Music Association. All events are ongoing through December 31, 2023. For more detailed information of events, please visit the MA Cultural Council website at massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/rochester or our Facebook page.

The Rochester Cultural Council is a group of volunteers appointed by the Rochester Select Board for three-year terms. Our mission is to promote excellence, access and diversity in the arts, humanities and sciences to enhance the quality of life in Rochester. The RCC strives to achieve these goals by diligently evaluating grant requests and allocating the funds provided by the Mass Cultural Council to projects best serving Rochester residents. The Rochester Cultural Council is always recruiting new members. Please visit our town website at www.townofrochestermass.com/cultural-council and get in touch with a member of the council to learn more.

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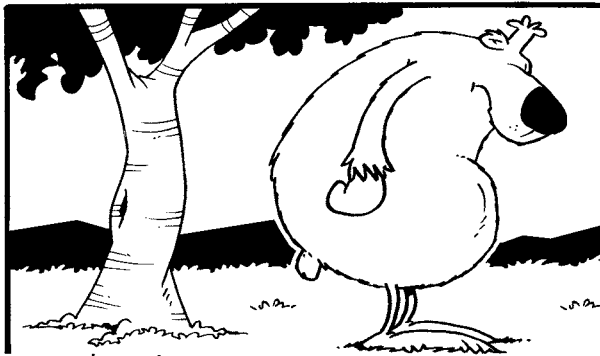
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I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED AT THE BANK.

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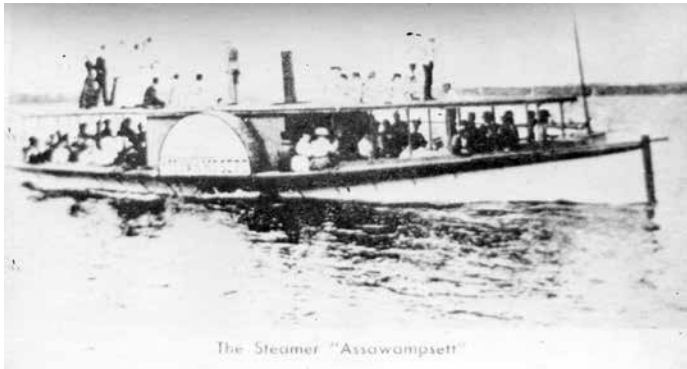
by Dave T. Phipps



**From the Files of the
Rochester Historical Society
By Connie Eshbach**

When my family lived in Weymouth, the route we would take to my grandparents in Rochester was Rte.18 to Rte. 105 and then down North Ave. and then Snipatuit Road. My mother always called the part of 105 that ran through Lakeville into Rochester the "hills and holes."

When I was teaching third grade Massachusetts history in Weymouth, we would go on two or three field



The Steamer "Assawampsett"

trips a year. One year, I decided it was time that our third graders knew that there was more to Massachusetts than the South Shore and Boston. Consequently, we took a trip to Acushnet to pick apples, and we took the same roads my family drove, except that we stayed on 105. The children loved the trip (in part because they thought you had to go to New Hampshire to pick apples), especially



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the ponds we passed and the Wampanoag Cemetery site. The bus driver, on the other hand got more and more nervous the further down Rte.18 that we went and wanted to turn around in Bridgewater.

This is a long digression from the actual topic for this week. There are two photographs with this article and another mystery to be solved. One picture shows the shoreline across from the New Bedford Waterworks and the other shows a woman in a boat. The shoreline behind her matches the shoreline in the picture from the waterworks. On the side of the boat it says, "Steamship Assawampsett."

So here is the mystery. There is no inscription on the back of the picture, so we don't know who she was

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ACROSS

- 1 Soprano's last note, perhaps
6 Jordanians, e.g.
11 Oscar winner Rockwell
14 Mazda model
19 NBA Hall of Famer — Thomas
20 Tanzanian national park
22 "Burnt" or "raw" color
23 Bird from Richmond?
25 Trident, e.g.
26 Winter D.C. hrs.
27 Fermented honey drink
28 Fashion's Oscar de la —
29 Patron associated with a "fire"
30 A handful of
31 Bird partially composed of element #56?
33 In less peril
36 Seek the affection of
38 Archery asset
39 Solo of sci-fi
40 Bird that always keeps to itself?

- 43 Mob member
48 Adept
49 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" playwright Joe
50 "Atlantic City" director Louis
52 Prefix with 33-Down
53 Fellow soldier
55 Bird that travels to and from work?
58 Notable time
59 Potentially offensive, in brief
62 El — (certain current)
63 Stand for art
64 Bird wearing a hard hat?
69 Far — eye can see
71 Ending for switch
72 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
73 Cell material
76 Bird nesting in winter
80 Causes to be ashamed
82 Finnish coin
83 Not worth — of beans
84 Not one's best effort, in sports lingo

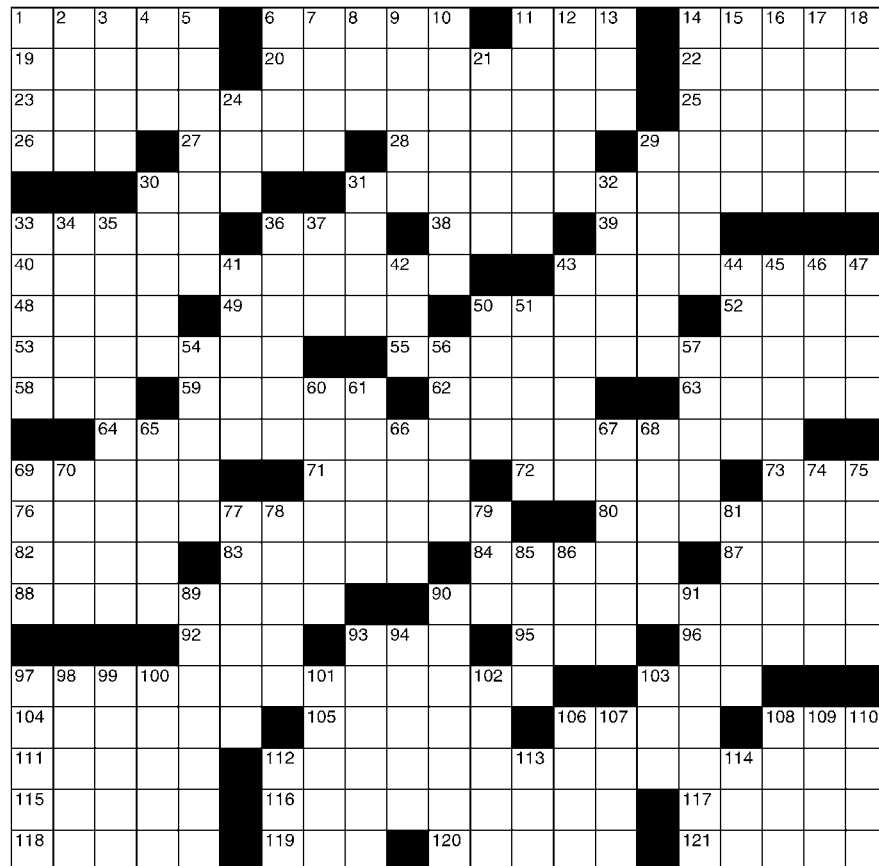
- 87 Some small batteries
88 In — (while not present at the event)
90 Bird performing under the big top?
92 Abbr. of fair hiring
93 Store clerk on "The Simpsons"
95 Business agt.
96 Peels the skin off of
97 Bird that plays bebop?
103 Real admirer
104 German subs
105 Absorb a loss
106 "Sure, sign me up!"
108 The Gem State: Abbr.
111 Mournful song
112 Bird living in the Sistine Chapel?
115 Being tried, as a case
116 Movies' main stories
117 Rub down
118 Chairs, e.g.
119 Waco-to-Austin dir.
120 Cary of "Saw"
121 Alternative to Valium

DOWN

- 1 Bees' place
2 Horned Egyptian goddess
3 Surrounded with a belt
4 Witch
5 Mythological fire-breather
6 Korea's place
7 Peruse
8 Brow's shape
9 Catcher Yogi
10 Be disdainful of
11 Nose partition
12 Elite squad
13 1986-2001 Earth orbiter
14 Feral horse
15 Drive along
16 "That rings —"
17 "I love you," in Mexico
18 Symbol on a one-way sign
21 Wish-fulfilling spirits
24 Innovative
29 River in a Foster tune
30 Flu symptom
31 — chic (fashion style)
32 Will, biblically
33 Part of NASA
34 Shady shelter
35 Movie cast members

- 36 Failed to be
37 Mo. in fall
41 Commotions
42 Extremely old: Abbr.
43 Particles believed to bind quarks together
44 Kitchen wrap
45 Result of backcombing
46 Toledo's lake
47 Pack of coins
50 2,002, in Roman numerals
51 Comeback to "Are too!"
54 Two wives of Henry VIII
56 En pointe, in ballet
57 Ranch in Ferber's "Giant"
60 1990-2019 Toyota minivan
61 Moisturizer brand
65 Melodramatic cry of sorrow
66 Relative of a univ.
67 Refuse to talk
68 Kimonos, e.g.
69 Out of port
70 Rebuff rudely
74 Writer Zora — Hurston

- 75 Aides: Abbr.
77 Spiteful types
78 Buckeye State sch.
79 Slugging stat
81 The Evil One
85 Mutt's threat
86 Pitching star
89 Fishers with seines, say
90 Dead skin at the base of a fingernail
91 Lycra, e.g.
93 "Trainwreck" director Judd
94 Word before jury or larceny
97 Betrayer of Jesus
98 "Take — out of crime!"
99 — the Greek
100 Big name in restaurant guides
101 Repasts
102 Web vending
103 Pine's cousin
106 Frozen drink treat
107 Widespread
108 Privy to
109 Art's art
110 Author Haley
112 #2 execs
113 Dir. 135 degrees from 119-Across
114 Author Levin



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The changes you've waited to see in your work situation might not be happening quite as quickly as you hoped. Although the pace is slow, it's ongoing. Expect to hear news soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You should be feeling very proud of the fine effort you've made to get that important project done. Now take some time out to celebrate with family and friends. You've earned it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're close to reaching your objectives. That's the good news. But be careful: Your aspects show lots of potential distractions looming. Stay focused and keep your eyes fixed on your goals.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to let that suspicious Cancerian mind create a problem where none exists. What you might believe is an act of betrayal could be nothing more than a misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart overflows with self-confidence. All you need to do is tap into it, and you'll be able to handle any change that must be made regarding that recent surprise development.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The need to watch what you say becomes increasingly crucial this week. Be as temperate as you can with your comments and avoid arguments for the sake of controversy.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A long-time family problem presents new demands. But this time, you won't have to go it alone: Someone else is asking to help share your responsibilities. Let it happen.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A period of feeling vulnerable is about to give way to a stronger, more-self-confident aspect. Use this new strength to reaffirm promises you've made to others and yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A creative dilemma stalls your progress. Instead of letting it raise your ire, use the time to re-examine your aims and perhaps come up with a new target.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your nimble will might find a way for you to work out those newly emerged problems plaguing your new project. Stay with it. The results will be well worth your efforts.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might feel overwhelmed with having to decide which new opportunity you should follow. Best advice: Check them all out and see which offers what you really want.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Continue to tread water before you even consider plunging into something that never seemed quite right. Some facts will emerge soon that can help you make a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a natural-born peacemaker. You value truth and have little patience with those who lie to you for their own purposes.

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and when she went boating. Was this just one boat or were there more? Did they take people on excursions? Her clothing would seem to be from the late 1800s to early 1900s.

If anyone can shed some light on the mystery of this picture, please, let me know at eshbach2@aol.com

Marion Natural History Museum

Attention Pre-Schoolers and Homeschoolers, the Marion Natural History Museum is now open to the public on Friday mornings. The museum features collections of minerals, fossils, butterflies, birds of prey and many other specimens. Appointments may be made for field trips. If you would like to schedule a time to come in and view these specimens as part of a lesson or just for fun, please contact the director for an appointment. We are open Wednesdays 10 – 4 pm and Fridays 10 – 4 pm.

South Coast Children's Chorus Welcomes New Singers

The South Coast Children's Chorus is welcoming new singers for the spring 2023 season! A service-oriented group who are as kind as they are musical, SCCC is open to all students from grade 1-12.

The first rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, **February 28**. New singers are accepted during the first three rehearsals. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday nights, 5:30- 6:30 pm (Preparatory Chorus) and 5:30- 7:00 pm (Advanced Chorus) at Tabor Academy in the Fireman Center for the Performing Arts, 245 Front Street, Marion. The season will culminate with a full concert on **June 8**.

The mission of the South Coast Children's Chorus is to provide a joyful, educational choral experience for young singers, helping them to develop responsibility, confidence, musicianship and a passion for excellence in all they do! The SCCC core values are Service, Culture, and Confidence & Community. SCCC performs throughout the South Coast, including at AHA!, the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, The Children's Advocacy Network Gala, Big Sing! Central, Fenway Park and with the internationally renowned African Children's Choir.

To register, visit our website at www.singsouthcoast.org. For more information, contact: SCCCsings@gmail.com. Also, visit us on Facebook [southcoastchildrenschorus](https://www.facebook.com/southcoastchildrenschorus).

Upcoming program at the Marion Natural History Museum

David Orwig, Senior Ecologist and Forest Ecologist with Harvard Forest will be sharing his research into the presence of old-growth forests in our state on **March 31**, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. The talk will include a broad discussion of old-growth forests in Massachusetts- What are they? Where are they? And what can they tell us?

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Through pictures and data from many old-growth forests in the state, many aspects of why these rare forest gems are so special will be described along with the many threats they face. Suggested donation to the museum – \$10.00/person. To register, please visit the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org.

Cuttyhunk Plein Air

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Gosnold Cultural Council to present the 2023 Cuttyhunk Plein Air Festival. Festival founder Teri Bordenave welcomes this new partnership between the MAC and the GCC and looks forward to this year's event: "I am delighted about this new collaboration



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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm in person at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and remotely via Zoom concerning the Application for Approval of a Definitive Cluster Subdivision Plan submitted by Bay Club Real Estate Holdings for a proposed subdivision of land located off of Bay Club Drive, shown as Lots 304, 401 & 402 on Assessor Map 27. Complete plans are filed in the office of the town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during the hours of 10 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday or online at www.mattapoisett.net. Join Meeting via Zoom: Topic: Planning Board Time: Mar 6, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83297537082?pwd=M-09hVzU0L1owSWtXWGRzcitlOC9Zdz09 Meeting ID: 832 9753 7082 Passcode: 260870 One tap mobile +13017158592 US (Washington DC) 2/16, 2/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 4:30 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street on the variance request submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., pertaining to the property located at 694C Mill Street, further identified as Map 15, Lot 9.</p> <p>The following variances are requested from Title 5 (310 CMR) of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC): 310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater: Requesting a variance to install the bottom of the soil absorption system 2 ft. above the maximum seasonal high groundwater rather than the 4 ft. requirement. M.S.C. 4.60.2: Sewage System Flow Design Criteria: Requesting a variance to design for 243 gallons/day rather than the 400 gallons/day minimum requirement for a two-bedroom house. 310 CMR 15.227, Placement & construction of tees (5) inlet & outlet tees less than 12" above seasonal High Ground Water Monolithic Tank with cast in place rubber boots proposed. John B. Howard, MD, Chair 2/16, 2/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on March 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm, both in person in the Town Hall Conference Room at 16 Main Street, and via Zoom, regarding the adoption of a Planning Board Submission Schedule. The proposed Submission Schedule is available for review on the Town of Mattapoisett Webpage www.mattapoisett.net and copies are available at the Office of the Mattapoisett Planning Board, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. 02739 between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday thru Friday.</p> <p>Persons interested in the proposed</p>	<p>submission schedule should attend the Public Hearing on March 6th, 2023 at which time they can ask questions and give oral comments or submit written comments. 2/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Robert Barnes, 1 Silver Shell Avenue, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to build a 10' x 14' shed. The project is located at 1 Silver Shell Avenue, and is further identified as Lot 173.0 on Assessor Map 5.A. **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Stacy Walker, 4 Ripple Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to build a 12' x 20' deck on helical piers in an AE-16 Flood Zone. The project is located at 4 Ripple Street, and is further identified as Lot 82.0 on Assessor Map 82.0 on Assessor Map 5.A **Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/23</p> <hr/> <p>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application Number 22-WW01-0152-APP Applicant: Morris Trust NOTIFICATION DATE: February 27, 2023</p> <p>Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by the Morris Trust to maintain an existing earthen dams and water control structures for a cranberry bog operation at 52 Wolf Island Road in the municipality of Rochester, in and over flowed tidelands of Mattapoisett River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.</p> <p>The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comment Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).</p> <p>Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/ (enter the project address in the Search Page as the Location Address). If you need assistance, please contact Carlos.fragata@mass.gov</p>	<p>or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 413- 3768 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.</p> <p>Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2873. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.</p> <p>Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T.B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 2/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 7:10 pm (via Zoom*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Hannafee Family Trust for resetting and grouting existing cobblestones on the ramp at 0 Main Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 90 on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/23</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 7:20 pm (via Zoom*), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Andic Realty Trust for proposed reconstruction of a single family dwelling at 91A Allen's Point Road Main Street.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 42A on Marion Assessors' Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair *Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. 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and how this partnership will strengthen and sustain this popular regional cultural event. This is a great way forward for the Plein Air Festival.” The goals in creating the Cuttyhunk Plein Air Festival, now in its eighth year, were to introduce artists to the beauty of the island, to encourage them to return, to provide an engaging cultural event for residents and visitors and to support island businesses during the shoulder season. The event this year is scheduled on Saturday, **June 17**, with a foul weather date reserved on Sunday, **June 18**.

The MAC’s executive director, Jodi Stevens, was a long-time juror and day-of volunteer for the CPAF and has been an integral part of the festival since its inception. Jurors for the 2023 festival include Pamela Hoss, Jay Ryan and Bob Smith. This year, Marne Goodrich joins the long time team of on-island coordinators and volunteers: Teri Bordenave, Ellie von Wellsheim, Sara and Paul Lehner and many more. In keeping with the missions of both the Marion Art Center and the Gosnold Cultural Council, the collaborators aim to broaden the scope of the annual event and engage new participants. To further their shared commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, the MAC and the GCC will be sponsoring scholarships for the first time this year, working with regional organizations to select and award nominees. Artists will be given the option at registration to donate to these scholarship funds. Sponsors this year include Pete’s Place Rentals, Cuttyhunk Shellfish Farms, the Cuttyhunk Fishing Club and Molly and Jim Conway (supporting the Spirit of

Cuttyhunk purchase prize award.) Additional donations from local business or community members are also welcome.

The CPAF is limited to 60 artists, and the cost to participate is \$90 per person. This fee covers registration, ferry travel with cargo transport via M/V Cuttyhunk Ferry and a box lunch. The cost to Cuttyhunk residents, or those who do not need a day-of ferry ticket, is \$40. On the day of the festival, artists will travel from State Pier 3 in New Bedford, where registration packets and ferry tickets are distributed (9am departure), to Cuttyhunk (10 am arrival.) There they will check in and collect their box lunches, and volunteer “island ambassadors” will greet painters and deliver them to various locations across the island. Artists will wrap up around 2:30 pm to be ready for pickup (or can walk back), and they may submit paintings for jurying by 2:45 pm. Artists will enjoy a brief “_ARTY.” reception after jurors have had a chance to select 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and purchase prizes. Islanders and visitors may also purchase art directly from the artists. The “_ARTY.” is open to all and free to attend. Finally, artists will depart on the Cuttyhunk Ferry at 4:00 pm to return to New Bedford. (This is an approximate schedule, as ferry departure time is subject to change.) To learn more and register, visit marionartcenter.org/cuttyhunk-plein-air. Please send questions to info@marionartcenter.org.

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<p>tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/23</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 7:40 pm (via Zoom*), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by John Crowley, Blankinship Cove LMTD Partnership, for remediation of home heating oil release to intermittent stream with restoration at 604 Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lot 32 on Marion Assessors’ Map 6. Plans are available at the Town House for review.</p> <p>Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair</p> <p>*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/23</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission</p>	<p>will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 7:50 pm (via Zoom*), on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Melissa Cruz for the construction of a detached garage with a second floor above at 3 Bass Point Road.</p> <p>The site is further identified as Lots 90, 91, 92 on Marion Assessors’ Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review.</p> <p>Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair</p> <p>*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV, and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/23</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a Public Hearing of the Marion School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2023-2024 school year at 6:30 pm, on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. This meeting will be held at the Sippican School located at 16 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom.</p> <p>Remote link information is provided below.</p> <p>https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/98044815658?pwd=UnkvbDBMdWZwdzYcFo1ZzlOTFN-EQT09</p>	<p>Meeting ID: 980 4481 5658 Passcode: 700054</p> <p>If you need additional login information, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956. 2/23</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1188</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Scot D. Machos on behalf of the Life Estate of Jeanette Barboza, for property located at 15 County Road, identified on Assessor’s Map 10, Lot 3D, who is seeking a variance under Chapter 20.40, Section E2, for approval of the construction of a shed less than 10 feet from the rear lot set back requirement. The public hearing will be on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm as both a hybrid meeting at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA and on Zoom.</p> <p>To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us2web.zoom.us/j/89821990049</p> <p>Meeting ID: 898 2199 0049 One tap mobile: (646) 876-9923 David Arancio, Chairman 2/23, 3/2</p> <p>-----</p>

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The Mattapoisett Sustainability Partnership will host a workshop on Saturday, **February 25** from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm to demonstrate how to grow sprouts at home and have samples of sprout varieties to taste test. Sprouts are an easy crop to grow with little effort needed. Registration is not necessary; drop by to make a sprout jar at any time during the two-hour span.

Have questions? Email the library at mfp1@sailsinc.org or visit mattapoisettlibrary.org to see all of the library's upcoming events.

Taber Library's Tables of Content Fundraiser

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Sunday May 7 Book List:

Horse by Geraldine Brooks
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Kristen Casey	February 26
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Mattapoisett Annual Town Election Information

Nomination papers are available for Mattapoisett's Annual Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, **May 16**. The offices that are up this year include Town Clerk, Select Board, Assessor, Mattapoisett School Committee, Old Rochester Regional School Committee, Moderator, Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners, Library Trustees, Board of Health, Community Preservation Committee, Planning Board and Housing Authority. Those considering a run for office have until **March 24** to obtain nomination papers. Please check the town website or call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 X 2 for any questions regarding the upcoming election.

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Mattapoisett Library Artist Series

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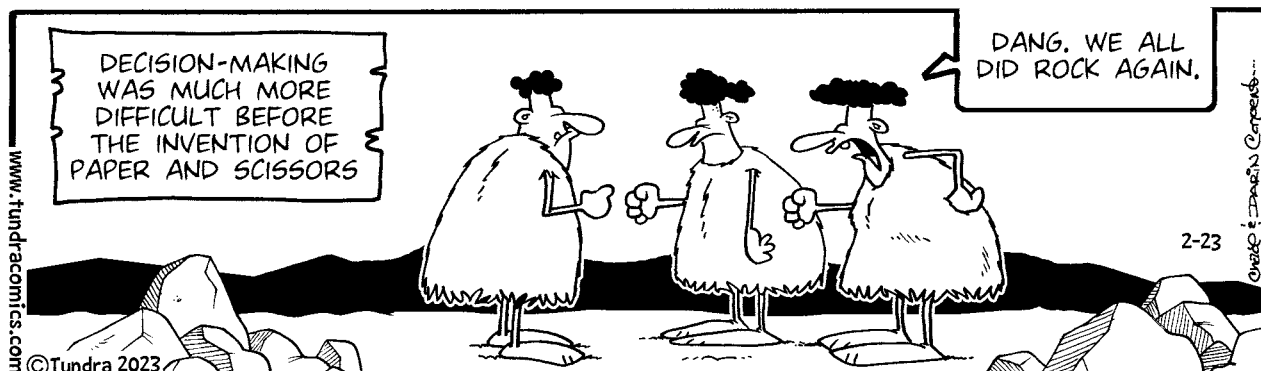
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Our April meeting will be on **April 19**, with a talk on Rochester's many celebrations. Other upcoming events will include a special event, a second cemetery tour in June.

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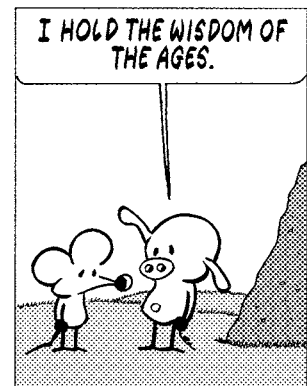
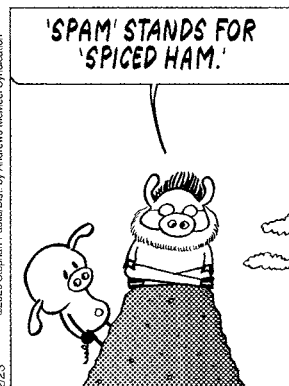
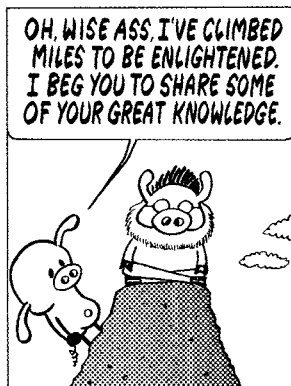
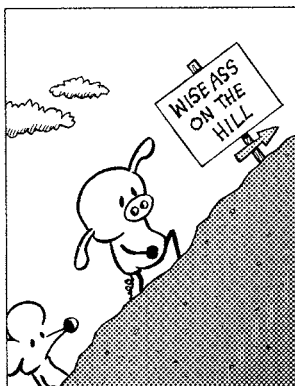
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These scholarships and grants are funded by donations to The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund and proceeds from the annual NolanFest live music event held each summer at Silvershell Beach in Marion.

For more information and to apply, please visit: www.nolangibbons.org/scholarships.

MAC Playwrights Incubator Program

The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage. Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The MTPI is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional playwrights. These plays are small cast shows with one to six characters. Selected playwrights will work with two mentors who are experienced theater artists to



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The 2022-2023 Blue Book has been mailed. We would like to thank all of this edition's advertisers. If you did not receive one, they are available at three locations: Eastern Bank, 340 Front St., Marion; The Wanderer, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett and Plumb Memorial Library, 17 Constitution Way, Rochester. If you have received a copy but would like another, please consider a donation to the League of Women Voters, South Coast.

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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	February 23	10:12	10:38	3:45	3:48
Friday	February 24	11:02	11:30	4:30	4:24
Saturday	February 25	11:54		5:17	5:03
Sunday	February 26	12:23	12:47	6:17	5:48
Monday	February 27	1:18	1:42	8:11	6:45
Tuesday	February 28	2:17	2:42	9:35	7:58
Wednesday	March 1	3:26	3:49	10:30	9:18
Thursday	March 2	4:36	4:51	11:11	10:23
Friday	March 3	5:30	5:41	11:45	11:12
Saturday	March 4	6:12	6:23		12:06
Sunday	March 5	6:47	6:59	12:04	12:48
Monday	March 6	7:19	7:34	12:38	1:20
Tuesday	March 7	7:49	8:08	1:19	1:49
Wednesday	March 8	8:21	8:41	1:58	2:17
Thursday	March 9	8:55	9:16	2:35	2:44
Friday	March 10	9:33	9:54	3:10	3:12
Saturday	March 11	10:15	10:37	3:45	3:44
Sunday	March 12		12:02	5:22	5:20
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter New Moon		February 27th March 7th March 14th March 21st	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the February 16, 2023 edition the Aardvark was on page 14

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Rapier 2. Actor;
3. Cheater; 4. Filter

Today's Word
RICHER

Sudoku Answer

6	1	2	5	3	8	9	7	4
9	3	4	1	2	7	5	8	6
8	7	5	6	9	4	3	2	1
2	4	1	7	8	5	6	9	8
7	9	6	4	1	3	2	5	8
3	5	8	2	6	9	1	4	7
4	2	9	3	7	6	8	1	5
5	8	3	9	4	1	7	6	2
1	6	7	8	5	2	4	3	9

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